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New Brockton citizens discuss financial options at town hall meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several New Brockton citizens showed their interest in the town's future Monday evening, July 1, as they attended a town hall meeting at the senior citizen's center to discuss the financial situation and possible options for generating revenue.

The meeting was conducted by the mayor and town council in an effort to hear the voice of the citizens before making any decision regarding options for generating revenue.

Mayor Charles Cole presented six different options, being considered as ways to generate funds for New Brockton. Before beginning the discussion, he said he felt some of the items on the list would be implemented by the council.

"I feel sure some things on this list we are going to do, and we are going to need your citizens' help," he said.

The first option was to increase the sales tax by one

half percent, and Cole said the council had estimated this would generate about \$16,000 per year for New Brockton.

Council member Ron McMonagle said he was for increasing the sales tax by one half percent. He said this money would help the Town of New Brockton be able to continue to provide basic services to the people such as emergency and sewage.

Also, McMonagle said the town would receive money from people traveling through the area that stop and spend money in New Brockton because they would pay sales tax on the items purchased.

Cole said over the past few years, the sales tax revenue in New Brockton has been on a noticeable downhill slide.

Charles Driggers, a citizen of New Brockton, asked the mayor and council if an increase in sales tax would mean that New Brockton would have a higher sales tax than the surrounding

cities. With that question, he said he wondered if that might send people to the other cities looking to buy their merchandise at a cheaper rate.

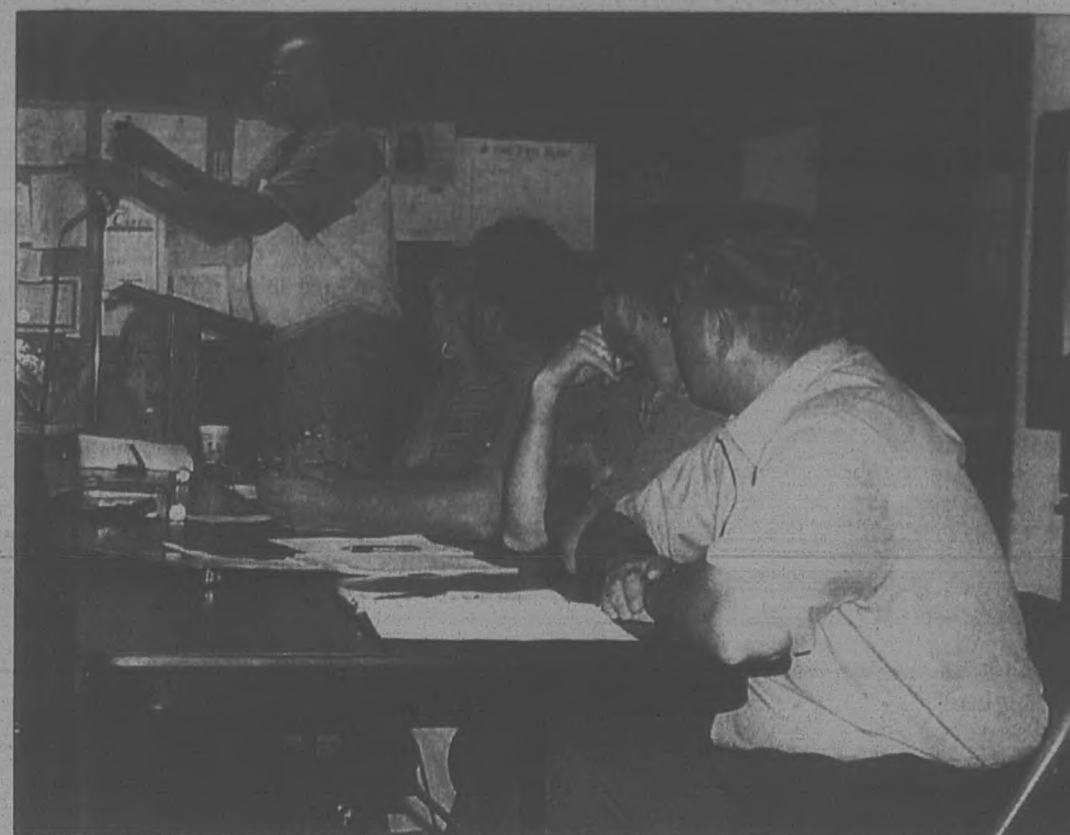
Cole said the Town of New Brockton can not compete with cities such as Enterprise.

"We have to ask ourselves what are we willing to do to help New Brockton, and a half a penny will help New Brockton," he said.

The next item involved an increase in ad valorem tax from five mills to seven mills per thousand of assessed value.

Cole explained this by using an example of a home valued at \$30,000. He said that home would be assessed at 10 percent of its value or at \$8,000 for the Town of New Brockton. Thus, at \$5 per thousand the tax for the town would be \$40. He said if the ad valorem tax were to be raised to \$7 per thousand, the

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During a town hall meeting held Monday, July 1, New Brockton mayor Charles Cole (standing) discusses several options being looked at by the town to help generate additional revenue. The meeting gave the mayor and town council members an opportunity to receive feedback from the citizens before making a decision regarding any of the options. Above, the town council members listen as Cole speaks to the crowd. Those pictured with Cole include Vicky Harrison, Judy Stuckey, Ricky Strickland and Ron McMonagle. Also pictured in the background is city clerk Annette Williams. Council member Johnnie Herron was out of town and not present for the meeting.

During town council meeting

Tobacco tax approved for New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, July 1, immediately following a town hall meeting which apparently led the council to make a few decisions concerning the topics discussed regarding the town's financial situation.

Council member Ricky Strickland got the ball rolling by making a motion regarding two items discussed at the town hall meeting.

During that meeting, the mayor and council proposed a \$1 volunteer fee to be applied to the citizen's water bill in an effort to help pay for the town's ambulance service. With this fee being a volunteer one, the citizens can choose to pay it or not.

Also, a tobacco tax was discussed to include all tobacco products. Currently, only cigarettes are taxed in New Brockton.

Strickland's motion was to accept both of these proposals with the stipulation that the money received from the volunteer ambulance service fee come directly to the town instead of the water board. His motion received a second from council

member Vicky Harrison and was passed by a unanimous vote. Council member Johnnie Herron was not present for the meeting.

In regards to the other items on the list discussed at the town meeting (ad valorem tax increase, rental tax, sewer rate increase, sales tax increase),

Mayor Charles Cole said he felt these matters needed to be tabled for further discussion before a decision was made.

Council member Ron McMonagle made a motion to table the sales tax issue until the

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New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole (r) presented a signed resolution Monday evening, July 1, to Stanley Walker, director of Coffee County's "Making Academics Count" campaign. By signing the resolution, the town agreed to help send a message to students that their high school performance does make a difference.

C.C. DHR meets high standards set by federal court

At a meeting Wednesday, June 26, before a federal court monitor, the Coffee County Department of Human Resources (DHR) asserted that its child welfare services meet the high standards set forth in the R.C. consent decree.

The meeting was held at the Enterprise Service Center and attending were State DHR Commissioner Bill Fuller, Federal Court Monitor Dr. Ivor Groves and Coffee County DHR director Joyce Stanford.

Other dignitaries in attendance included:

Coffee County DHR board chairman Doug Donaldson Jr., State Senator Jimmy Holley, Barbara Everett, District Judge Steven E. Blair, Assistant District Attorney Glenda Stout and Jim and Elaine Dodd, who were Alabama Foster Parents of the Year for 2001.

The standards of the R.C. consent decree include protecting the safety of children in child abuse and neglect cases, providing an effective array of social services to help keep families intact if possible, and providing

quality care to children who must be removed from their homes.

The consent decree includes strict requirements for keeping the caseloads of child welfare workers manageable. It also requires each child welfare worker, even veteran workers, to undergo extensive special training.

Dr. Ivor Groves has said in federal court hearings that Alabama counties that meet the standards of the consent decree are providing services to children that are equal to any in the nation.

"This is a big step forward for Coffee County children," said Joyce Stanford. "It's the result of years of hard work by DHR staff and by other people in our county who care about children. We will work to maintain these high standards."

The R.C. consent decree resulted from a 1988 class action lawsuit regarding the quality of Alabama's child welfare system. "R.C." was an 8-year-old foster child who was the plaintiff in the lawsuit. Since

1992, DHR has been implementing, county by county, a more effective system for caring for abused and neglected children and their families.

Area Happenings

HOLIDAY CLOSING The City of Elba offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th, in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen Monday, July 8, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for any electrical, water, street or sewer emergency. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be as follows for that week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's route will be unchanged; Thursday's route will run on Friday, July 5.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, July 8, 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

COUNTY BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education will hold a "called" meeting Monday, July 8, 7 p.m., at the Board of Education office in Elba.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY The library will present Summer of Mystery, the summer reading program, at 10 a.m. on July 9 & 16.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY will meet at Po Folks Restaurant, 630 Boll Weevil Circle on Wed., July 17, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Speakers will be Wes Howell, candidate for State Rep. Dist. 91, and Greg White, candidate for State Senate Dist. 31. For reservations call Joy McGraw at 393-0471.

During Coffee County BOE meeting

Barnes named principal at ZC High School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As a result of filling the principal's position at Zion Chapel High School, the Coffee County Board of Education created a vacancy Wednesday, June 26 at Kinston High School.

The board approved the transfer of Jerry Barnes, principal at Kinston High School, to become the principal of Zion Chapel High School. The transfer of Barnes left Kinston in need of a principal for K-12, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she would begin interviewing candidates for the position this week.

Another matter set for immediate attention involved the Zion Chapel ball field as the board awarded the bid for lights.

The money spent on this matter will be paid for with funds given to the school system by Representative Terry Spicer, Senator Jimmy Holley and the Coffee County Commission for the completion of the ball field project.

Ingram told board members that the light poles were already at the complex and would be put in the ground in the days following the awarding of the bid for lights. She said the poles had not already been put in the ground

because of a need to wait and see what type of lights would be approved.

The bid was awarded by a unanimous vote to Nolan Company in the amount of \$25,650. This was the only bid received.

The board also gave its approval for the superintendent to solicit bids (countywide) for the cleaning of carpet and replacement of tile at all the school facilities.

Ingram said the schools had handled this matter separately in the past, but she thought the system might get a price break if it combined the jobs into one for the whole system.

Two other approvals voted on by the board during the called meeting included the awarding of technology bids to Information Transport Solutions of Wetumpka (low bidder) and out-of-state travel for John McGraw, agriculture instructor at Zion Chapel High School.

The technology bid awarded includes such things as switches and media converters for the

upgrade of computer equipment. Ingram said these items will be purchased with federal grant monies received by the school system during the previous year.

As for McGraw's trip, he will be traveling to Pueblo, Colo. for a training session on BattleBots, a program offered through MacArthur State Technical College. He said this program is a good example of providing education through technology.

During Wednesday's meeting, the board members were provided information to review concerning two separate revisions to board policies. The revisions being studied include Board Policy III-E Graduation Requirements and Board Policy III-F Promotion.

No action was taken on either matter during last week's meeting; however, the board will vote on the revisions at a later date after the members have had time to review the information.

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Alabama motorists urged to drive safely during holiday travel period

A large number of motorists will travel on the state's roadways throughout the extended Fourth of July holiday weekend. Troopers will be out in force to enforce traffic laws and to serve as visible reminders to motorists to drive safely, obey speed limits, buckle up and refrain from drinking and driving.

Governor Don Siegelman requested that troopers increase patrols to further safety during the Independence Day holiday.

"Alabama does not tolerate people who drink and drive," said Siegelman. "I urge motorists to drive responsibly during the holiday weekend and caution those who are tempted to break Alabama's DUI law that the consequences are not worth it."

During the holiday period, Alabama troopers will participate in the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose, National Mobilization." This campaign is a combined effort by law enforcement and traffic safety agencies to alert drivers to the dangers of drinking and driving. In support of the campaign, troopers will focus on apprehending drunken drivers during

routine patrols and at checkpoints.

In addition, troopers will take part in Operation C.A.R.E. Combined Accident Reduction Effort, a joint endeavor by state police nationwide to promote traffic safety during holiday periods. In connection with C.A.R.E., troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled roadways, including interstates and popular beach and vacation routes.

"The Department of Public Safety estimates that 19 people will die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 102-hour Independence Day period which began Wednesday, July 3, at 6 p.m., and will end at midnight Sunday, July 7. Last year there were no fatalities during a 30-hour Fourth of July period.

"All available troopers will be on duty to help keep Alabama's families safe from impaired and other dangerous drivers," said Col. James Alexander, public safety director.

He said federal overtime grants would support increased patrols during the holiday weekend.

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EDITORIAL

American principles under assault

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The stock market buyers continue to punish big business with lower prices as high flying company after high flying company is accused of "cooking the books." A couple of years ago when the stock market was going up, up and up and almost anyone could make money, just by buying any stock they heard of, we made a prediction. Our comments to those few who would listen was that once the bull market came to an end, a lot of companies would then try to clean up their books with a bad quarter or so of profit after stretching the truth for several years to stay with the crowd. I am not sure if we are right or not, but I think we would include care after case of apparent major fraud. It has never bothered us to hear of people who made millions and millions from one smart investment or were paid ultra big bucks to perform management tasks that seemed impossible. However, some of the cases being reported in the news lately make us more than a little mad and usually resentful. On one that they got more than we could handle and still feel better off us. But these folks got it by taking unfair advantage of a lot of good, honest and hard working citizens who were only seeking a reasonable financial security for themselves and their family. Now that isn't right and unfortunately a few months in jail and a million dollar fine, paid to the government and/or some lawyer, will not make things right for these thousands of good citizens.

It would be nice to be able to tell you all about the levee rehab bids that were opened last Friday, but we just don't have that info yet. The Corp of Engineers received the bids by the 2:00 p.m. deadline last Friday, but thus far the dust hasn't settled enough for any of them to even comment. We suspect it will be after the July 4th holiday before there is any serious attempt to sort through the bids and declare a winner.

Postal rates are on everyone's mind and lips this week, due to the rate increases which took effect on Sunday. You better hold on to your hat because it isn't over yet. Here is why we say that. House Government Reform Committee chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., predicted in frustration that without changes at the Postal Service, rates will continue to rise sharply and it is reasonable to assume that a 75 cent stamp is just around the corner. "Now, exactly what those changes should be is subject to debate and range all across the board. Even with our brilliant 19th mind and wealth of valuable experience, there is no advice to the governing board from this corner, except please fix the problems."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service are proposing designating a number of area streams as "critical habitat" for the Gulf sturgeon. As proposed, six riverine systems in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. These include the Yellow, Blackwater and Shoal Rivers in Alabama and Florida, Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers in Florida and Alabama. Predictions on the impact this will have on the fish and other fishing and commerce in the areas named varies with the person you ask. We hear some praise and we hear some criticism. It is predicted down. While there may be some economic setbacks due to new rules, we can see no impact along the Pea River since there is no industry making a major negative impact on the water quality. While the chicken plant North of Elba (and some others) reports regularly to the feds on their waste water discharge, we have heard comments that they actually discharge water that is of higher quality than that which they start with.

Victoria Greer could very well be asking God to forgive them for they know not what they are doing' after hearing that a three judge panel in California has recently ruled against the Pledge of Allegiance being recited in schools because of the words "Under God". Victoria is the daughter of Christie Greer and Shane Greer.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 24, 2002, through June 30, 2002. They were: Christine Bradley, Evelyn Knotts, Jennifer Ware, Martha Waters, Lucille Stackhouse, Brenda Arnett, Neely Harclison, Ollie Hussey, Ruth Belcher, Brittany Stokes, David Beckworth, Zedie Johnson, Lucille Boswell, Jon Carney, Francis Hudson Johnson, Maggie Head, April McAllister, John Lee, Sheila Ellis, Oscar Sanders, Mildred Kelley, Minnie Boyd and Linda Ayers.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Elizabeth Jane Bass, Mildred Jones, Amanda Howard, Brenda Arnett, Jennifer Ware, Martha Waters, Ollie Hussey, Evelyn Knotts, Lucille Stackhouse, Ida Mauldin, Zedie Johnson, Ruth Belcher, Sheila Ellis, Jon Carney, Maggie Head, Christine Bradley, April McAllister, John Lee, Lucille Boswell and John Lee.

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6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
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by Congressman Terry Everett

More and more these days the values and moral fiber of our great nation are under assault from liberal courts and activists, who for their own selfish motives, are bent on unraveling the principles which have bound and strengthened our land for over two centuries. Last week's federal court ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional is the latest such example.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic that it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." This simple statement of respect and loyalty to our democracy has been recited daily in America's classrooms for generations. It also opens the legislative sessions of the U.S. House and Senate. It is a reminder to all Americans of the freedoms we cherish so dear and our duty to honor and protect them. Indeed, as Speaker Dennis Hastert noted last week, the Pledge of Allegiance is a patriotic salute that brings people of all faiths together to share in the American spirit.

Last Wednesday, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals led an assault on this solemn

salute by acting to strike it down. Incredibly, the court ruled that because the Pledge of Allegiance contains the words, "under God," it is unconstitutional. Furthermore, the court has ordered that the Pledge not be recited in public schools under its judicial reach, the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

As the nation stood in stunned disbelief to the San Francisco court's ruling last week, one had to wonder what is next? Liberal activists have already banned prayer in our schools and upheld the practice of desecrating our beloved flag. Will they now seek to remove the references to God from our money and strike them from the Presidential, Vice Presidential and Congressional oaths of office? As Ninth Circuit judge, Ferdinand Fernandez said in his statement of dissent from the court's ruling, this action would also preclude the singing of "God Bless America," and "America the Beautiful" in schools.

The infamous court ruling was prompted by a case raised by a Sacramento, California atheist who objected to his elementary school age daughter having to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in school. Such activists will not rest until the

mention of God is ruled illegal in public life. They blindly overlook the stark evidence that their past efforts to bar God from our schools have done little to advance our society. Are our public schools, replete with metal detectors, armed guards, security fencing and student violence that would rival that of the Middle East terror attacks, the better for the removal of the moral authority of God from the public classroom? The answer is quite clear - absolutely not.

One of the greatest architects of our democracy, Thomas Jefferson, and ironically one of the least religious of our Founding Fathers, spoke on the role of God in our society over 200 years ago. "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

Let there be no mistake, this absolutely absurd court ruling will not go unchallenged. Last Thursday, the U.S. House passed a resolution, which I was proud to cosponsor, that opposed the court's ruling. The Bush Administration has promised to launch an appeal and Congress is committed to providing whatever legislative relief is necessary to protect the integrity of our solemn and time honored Pledge of Allegiance.

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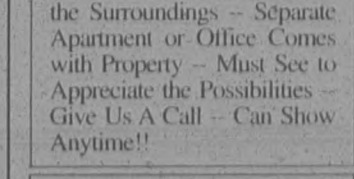
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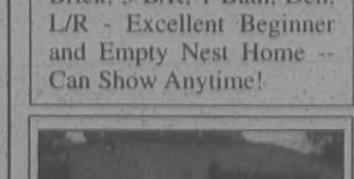
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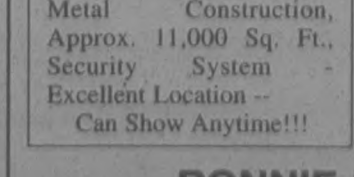
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REBECCA SCARBOROUGH

Mrs. Rebecca Scarborough, age 93, of Elba, Ala., formerly of Florida, Ala., died June 27, 2002 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2002 at Evans Funeral Home, Elba, Ala. with Rev. Wally Collins officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Memorial Cemetery.

Florida, Ala. with Evans Funeral Home officiating. Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law. Mike Scarborough, Huntsville, Ala.; Phillip and Barbara Scarborough, Kirs and Nadine Scarborough, all of Elba; one sister, Eleanor Scott, Elba; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

INA REE MARTIN
Mrs. Ina Ree Martin, age 84, of Enterprise, Ala., died June 28, 2002 at her home in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2002 at Searcy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Burial followed at Meadowlawn Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by a step-son James Howard Harper.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Whitman, Elba; one step-daughter, Dorothy Ann Hill, and son-in-law, Dr. Raymond Hill, Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Vesta M. Bailey, Elba; three grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming to be observed at Alberton Baptist Church on Sunday, July 14

Alberton Baptist Church will be observing Homecoming on Sunday, July 14, with Bro. Jeff Fletcher bringing the 11 a.m.

Benefit Singing planned at the Praise and Glory Worship Center in New Brockton, July 6

There will be a benefit singing July 6th at Praise and Glory Worship Center located next to New Brockton High School. The featured singers are Lisa and Phillip Pyrom and

Klondyke Gospel Music Center to feature The Forehands in Concert Saturday, July 20

The Forehands, from Enterprise, Ala. will be in concert Saturday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center, located 1/2 way

The Dixie Echoes to be in concert at the Dixon Center on the LBW Campus, Saturday, July 13

The Dixie Echoes will be at the Dixon Center on the LBW Campus on Saturday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. For more information call Don Cotton at 334-222-6120.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"Why Does All Churches of Christ call their preachers 'minister' rather than 'Pastor' or 'Reverend'?"

P.W. Elba

From an examination of what the Bible teaches in giving consideration to this question, last week an answer was given as to why preachers should not be called "Pastor," or "Reverend." The Bible is just as clear in even warrant any justification for a man to use the title "Reverend," for no man's name is as holy as the name of God. As for the title "Pastor," there is never to be just one man to be "the Pastor" in the local congregation for that distinction belongs to Christ and to Him only (1 Peter 5:4). And there is no greater organization on earth than that of the local congregation, therefore one man does not have authority over one or more churches of Christ. In the local congregation of the body of Christ, there must be two or more men qualified to serve to be appointed as elders (overseers, bishops, presbyters, shepherds, pastors). Also in Ephesians 4:11, where the only time the word pastor is found in the New Testament (and it is used in the plural sense) there is a clear distinction made between "evangelists" (which are preachers) and "pastors." They cannot be one in the same, for they are not also the same as apostles or prophets (Ephesians 4:11). The only way a man can be both a preacher and a pastor is if he is qualified to serve as an elder along with one or more other men in the congregation. And once again as we noted last week the word pastor is referring to an office not a title. But, concerning calling the preacher "minister," we must also look to the Bible to see if we have the approval given by our Lord to do so. Do all churches of Christ call their preachers "ministers"? The answer to this question is no. For not every local congregation calls the preacher "minister." A man who serves the local congregation in preaching the gospel, can be called a preacher (Romans 10:14), an evangelist (Ephesians 4:11), or a minister (1 Timothy 4:6). This is not in giving the man a title, but in recognizing a role in which he serves in the church. In fact every Christian is a minister, for the word simply means a servant, and every Christian is to be a servant of Christ. So when I cannot say that all churches of Christ call their preachers "ministers," I can say that whatever distinction is made in recognizing the man who preaches the gospel it must be a scriptural distinction. And it is not scriptural to call any man "Reverend," or just one man in the congregation "Pastor." I would encourage every one to ask their so-called "Reverends" and "Pastors," by what authority do they call themselves these titles.

Jimmy Simmons

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Scripture: Isaiah 13:1-13

***Thinking of you, praying for you! Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. N.L. Robinson, Wallace Belcher, Ruth Belcher, The Whitman, Siler, Edwards, Peace and Jones families, O.B. Daniels, Johnnie M. Daniels, Alice Blue and James Musgrove

***Grady and Brenda Brooks July 2, wedding anniversary, Mary Ann Thigpen July 2, Alesha Gullis July 5, Melvin and Catherine Cross July 6, wedding anniversary, Joyce B. Johnson July 7, Evelyn B. Manning July 8, Malik S. Kelley July 9, Grover Purvis July 10, and Julius Peterson

night was the welcome night. After greeting one another, memories were shared about Papa Oliver and Grannie Hessie. Saturday a cookout was held. On Sunday everyone gathered at Rocky Head M.B. Church. The children of Papa Oliver and Grannie Hessie that attended are: Wallace Belcher, Gussie Belcher, Nell Belcher, Marv L. Belcher, Stephens, Estelle Belcher Williams, Jackie Belcher and Inez Belcher-Long. The memories of Grover, Collins, Vera Mae, William and Josephine were honored with a candle lighting ceremony. There were families there from cities in Alabama, Ohio, New York, Georgia, Florida and New Jersey.

***Rev. Paul Phillips, pastor of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva will bring the message at the Ozark District Christian Education Reports Meeting and Worship Services Saturday, July 6, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church in New Brockton, Ala.

***Kathleen Lanette Johnson, a student at Alabama State University in Montgomery, and Ki Ki Belcher, a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, were guests in the home of Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Dee Nard, and Ree'Nita in Enterprise, Ala. They attended the annual HESSIE BELCHER family reunion.

***Elder Lester E. Hart, Sr. of Bridgeton, New Jersey visited Erna Lindsey Belcher of Elba, and other relatives and friends. He also attended the annual HESSIE BELCHER family reunion. Today is a good day, he gratefully.

Oliver Belcher

Hessie Belcher

***The sixth Oliver and Hessie Belcher Family Reunion was held June 28, 29 and 30, Friday

Bluff Springs to celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, July 14

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will celebrate their homecoming on July 14, 2002. Following the homecoming a revival will be held July 15-17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Hubert McWaters will bring the message. Music director will be Betty Senn and the pianist will be Ann Stallings. Bluff Springs Baptist Church is located on County Road 304.

Homecoming planned for Sunday, July 14, at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will celebrate its homecoming on July 14 at 11:00 a.m. Martha Baxter will bring the message. There will be special singing. A covered lunch will follow after the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Sing to be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4

Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Elba will hold a gospel singing on Sunday, August 4, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Featuring Joseph Brown, The Church in Elba, D.C. Choral Ensemble, and Friends.

The Voice of Praise to be in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Saturday, July 13

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Mixons Cross Roads) will hold a gospel singing on July 13, 2002 at 7:00. Featuring The

Revival services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church

A revival will be held at New Hope Baptist Church July 14-17, 2002. Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Bro. Dan Raley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Slocumb. The music leader will be Dewayne Danner.

Rev. Paul Phillips to be guest speaker at meeting of local A.M.E. churches

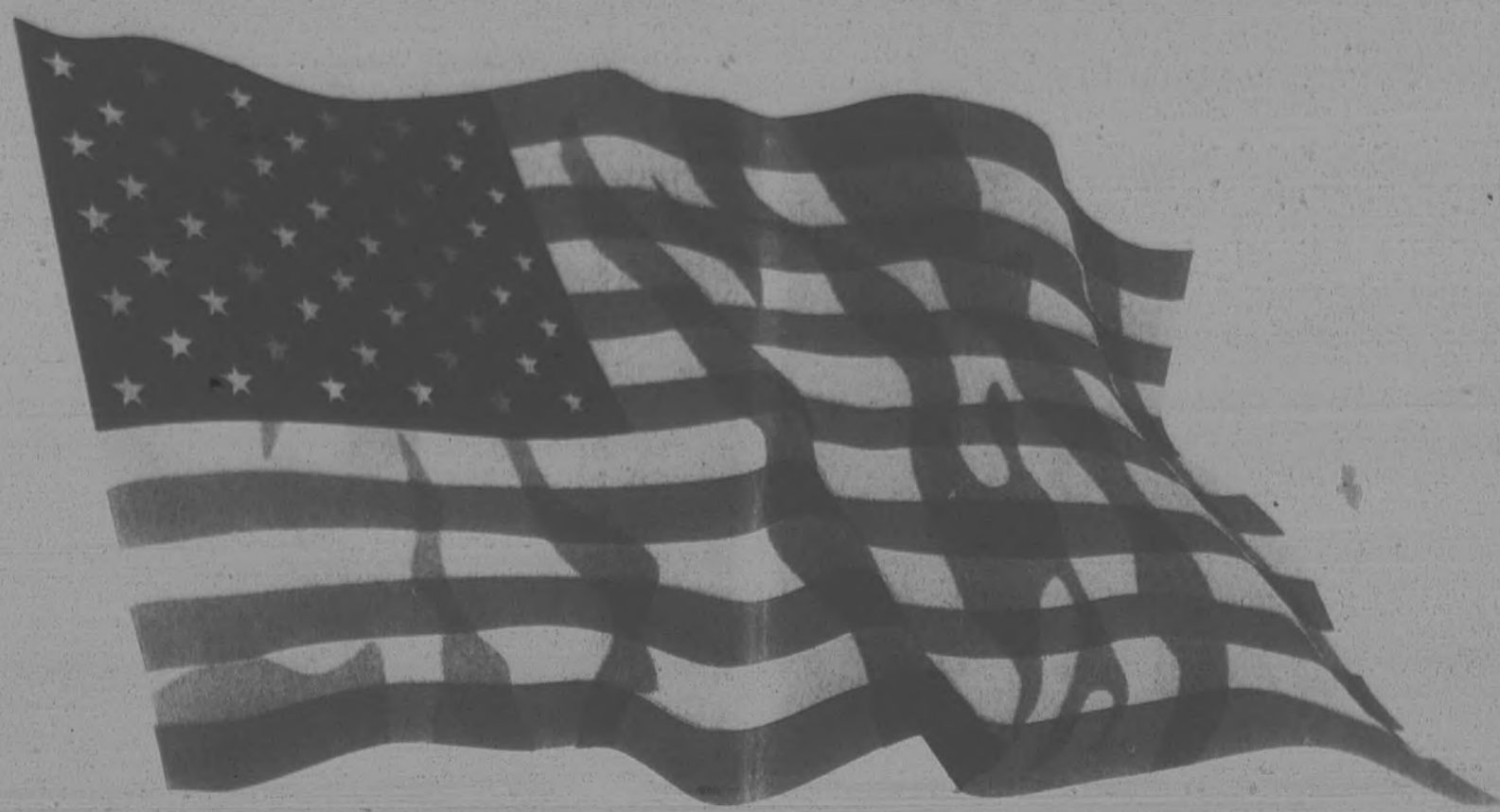
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The churches of the Ozark District are located in several

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Church Directory

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THE COFFEE COUNTY JUNIOR MISS SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM TO BE HELD JULY 12 IN ELBA



Elizabeth Ashlyn Jones
Enterprise High School
Parents - Lia Rester & Lee Jones

The Coffee County Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Elba High School. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and first runner-up will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded for each preliminary - Scholastics, Talent, Poise, Physical Fitness, Interview, and the Spirit of Junior Miss award.

For reserved tickets to the event, call Tammy Ezzell at 347-2572. Participants are listed in the accompanying photographs.



Alexis Alexandria Moore
Enterprise High School
Parents - Allen and Mary Moore



Jillian Kristina Grady
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Parents - Dr. Ernest J. Grady & Sandra Coughlin



Amanda Lucille Moring
Enterprise High School
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Melanie McGlothlen
New Brockton High School
Parents - Chuck & Susan McGlothlen

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEET

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tax for New Brockton on a home valued at \$80,000 would be \$56.

Cole said the council had estimated that an ad valorem tax increase could generate approximately \$7,941 per year for the town.

Rental tax was the next item on the list, and Cole said the council estimated that the implementation of a rental tax could generate about \$1,000 per year for New Brockton.

While speaking of rental tax, the mayor did mention that New Brockton has some rental property that no tax is being paid at this particular time.

A tobacco tax was the next item discussed, and Cole said the only tobacco product currently being taxed in the Town of New Brockton is cigarettes.

TOWN

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town's attorney could get some additional information. His motion asked that the council hold a working session on the following Monday evening (July 8) with a called council meeting soon after so a decision could be made in regards to this matter. Strickland supplied the second to this motion; however, it failed to pass due to a tie vote.

With that, the council chose to discuss the other items at the next regular working session with the hopes of making a decision at the next regular meeting.

Cole informed the council members that the contract for ambulance service with Enterprise Rescue had been signed and mailed. He said the contract included a letter asking the service provider to waive the additional \$500 until October when the town will pay \$750 per month until the fee is paid up-to-date. Cole said Enterprise Rescue had agreed to the terms.

He said this proposed tobacco tax would add all other tobacco products to the tax list. This includes such products as cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc., and the mayor said this tax would bring a projected \$2,000 to the town each year.

The fifth item brought to the attention of the citizens was the idea of increasing the sewer rates by \$1 per month.

McMonagle said the last time the sewer rates were increased was 1995, and this would generate an additional \$490 per month or \$5,880 per year for the town.

Finally, Cole explained the option for a volunteer \$1 per month donation for the town's ambulance service. He said this \$1 would be applied to the citizen's water bill each month, and

would be strictly a volunteer payment. Cole said if a citizen did not want to pay the dollar, he/she could simply subtract it from the bill.

The main purpose behind this proposal came from an increase in the amount the town pays monthly to assure ambulance service for the people of New Brockton. In the past, New Brockton had been paying \$1,000 for ambulance service from Enterprise; however, Cole said Enterprise increased its amount by \$500.

"We're between a rock and a hard spot," council member Ricky Strickland said. "We've got to have revenue to stay afloat."

Cole also provided the citizens with information on a couple of ways the town is looking at reducing expenses to include: reducing the weekly hours for police by 35 and eliminating all overtime.

One citizen said she felt the best way for the town to generate the needed funds would be to increase the sales tax by one percent instead of one half percent.

Another citizen, Bill Tindol, said he felt the sales tax proposal was the only fair way to go. With the town estimating a need of an additional \$30-40,000, he said this would almost take care of the deficit the town is looking at, and he felt the citizens would be more willing to pay this instead of some of the other proposals.

Also, Tindol said he felt the tobacco tax should be one that the town does implement.

The mayor closed the town hall meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance, and he said he felt sure New Brockton would find a way to survive this difficult time.

BOE

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Before adjourning, the board also approved the following personnel changes:

- * Transfer Doug Branson from driver education teacher at New Brockton High School and physical education teacher at Zion Chapel School to the position of driver education teacher at New Brockton High School for the 2002-2003 school year.
- * Transfer Randy Grant from physical education teacher and driver education teacher at Zion Chapel School to the position of driver education and K-12 physical education teacher at Zion Chapel School for the 2002-2003 school year.
- * Employ Leigh Warren Shiver as business education teacher at Kinston High School.
- * Employ Cynthia Allard as a special education teacher at

C.C. residents named to UAB honors list

Three residents of Coffee County were named to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) academic honor roll for the spring 2002 term.

Presidential Honors - Mary K. Mitchum, New Brockton, a student in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; William L. Schapler, Enterprise, a student in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Dean's List - Wendy R. Boutwell, Elba, a student in the School of Health-Related Professions.

To qualify for the presidential honors list, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student registered for a minimum of eight credit hours during the quarter.

For the Dean's List a student must attend full-time and earn an overall total grade point average of 3.6 to 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

New Brockton Elementary School

- * Employ Gina Price as an ARI Reading Specialist at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Accept the resignation of Genell Sweet, first grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Thank You Voters of District One

For several months I have had a wonderful time visiting with the people who live in District One. I have been able to talk with many of you and have enjoyed renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances. I will continue to strive to help as I can in any way I am able. I chose to take the positive road in my campaign and to dwell on the things that I hoped to achieve for the Coffee County School Board. I ran a clean campaign and can honestly say that I sleep well with a clear conscience and no mud on my hands.

Please make sure that you go to the polls and vote in November.

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Child development workshop to be held at ESJC

Adults involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children will be interested in the Child Development Workshop to be held at Enterprise State Junior College on Saturday, August 3,

from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Reading and Rhymes" will be presented by Carol C. Preston from Tifton, Georgia. She will share ideas on using children's books and nursery rhymes in the learning environment. A highly

interactive workshop is planned by Ms. Preston. The pre-registration fee is \$20.00 if received by July 29, and \$25 if received after that date. For more information and for course objectives call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Dr Billy Farris, DMD

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Elba, AL

is still receiving Medicaid patients

A number of parents of Medicaid eligible children have been asking about this matter following newspaper reports last Sunday which led them to think this service was no longer available except in Dothan or at a new government funded clinic opening in Enterprise.

Farris, one of the largest Medicaid service providers in Alabama, and several other area dentist, have been providing this service and will continue to serve their Medicaid patients as needed.

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Views from....
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I didn't realize how long the ball season had been until over the weekend when Melanie told me her glove was coming apart, her cleats had holes in them and her pants didn't even reach her socks. I am sure we can work on her glove and make it last several more years, while I will admit her shoes were hand-me-downs from big sister and probably do need replacing. As for the pants, I can't believe she has grown that much over the past three months, but will agree that they are short. Oh well, it looks like next season she will get to do some shopping.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** The Dixie Boys All-Star teams made the trip up to Troy last week and while both teams were eliminated in two games, both teams played hard and made their fans proud. The 13-year-old Stars dropped a pair of close decisions and with a break or two could have won both games and maybe played for the title, while the 14-year-old Stars never got on track and suffered two big losses. The players and coaches for the teams worked hard in preparation for the tournaments, and win or lose they represented Elba well and let their opponents know that they had come to play.

*** The Dixie Ponytails Fast Pitch Softball Tournament is being held this week in Elba at Hawkins-Williams Park, and after a wet opening night the tournament has really gone well. The Recreation staff has made all the fans feel at home and has kept the fields in immaculate condition, while all the players from all the towns have played hard and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. It is the first time Elba has played host to a Dixie Softball event, but so far things have gone great and I am sure that over the years the city will host many more tournaments.

*** The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars needed almost twenty-four hours and two round trip tickets to Troy to claim a 20-5 opening round win over Luverne. The All-Stars jumped ahead early and never looked back in claiming the win. However, other teams left in the event are from Troy, Andalusia, Greenville and Opp, and the "small town" All-Stars from Elba will have to play their best to keep the wins coming.

*** The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars almost pulled off a shocking upset over the Enterprise Americans in the opening round of their tournament down in Geneva. The All-Stars battled the heavily favored Enterprise team to a 7-5 score heading into the bottom of the sixth and loaded the bases with no outs, only to fail to score and suffer the heart-breaking defeat. The closeness of the game once again proves that the Elba All-Stars can compete with any teams around, no matter the size of the league.

*** In closing...an Elba Tiger football fan asked me last week if I knew Elba's football schedule for the upcoming 2002 season, and while I didn't know the dates of the top of my head, I promised him I would put it in the paper this week. Okay Tiger fans, here is this year's Elba High football schedule...

August 23 - Samson, in Elba (preseason game); August 30 - Brantley, in Elba; September 6 - Central of Hayneville, in Hayneville; September 13 - W.S. Neal, in Elba; September 20 - Pike County, in Brundidge; September 27 - Luverne, in Elba; October 4 - TK Miller, in Elba; October 11 - Straghan, in Straghan; October 18 - Calhoun, in Elba (Homecoming); October 25 - Clarke County, in Grove Hill; November 1 - Geneva County, in Hartford.

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Elba All-Stars drop opener

Troy and Greenville are unbeaten teams after two rounds in Dixie Ponytails Sub-District action

The Dixie Softball Ponytails Sub-District 1 Fast Pitch Softball Tournament began last weekend at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, and at press time the only two undefeated teams in the six-team event were the All-Stars from Troy and Greenville.

The tournament is scheduled to continue through July 3, and a complete tournament recap will be published in next week's sports. Following are the high lights of the opening two days of action.

GREENVILLE 12
OPP 6

The Greenville All-Stars used two big innings at the plate to pull away in a 12-6 win over the Opp All-Stars, in opening round action. The score was tied at 1-1 after two innings, but Greenville combined five walks with four errors in the third inning to score six runs and grab a 7-1 lead. Then added five runs in the fourth to move on top 12-1, and held on late to claim the big 12-6 win. Brittney White, Brittney Dickey and Nicole Stinson all got 1 hit to lead Greenville, which took advantage of 15 walks to move on top 12-1, and held on late to claim the big 12-6 win. Brittney White, Brittney Dickey and Nicole Stinson all got 1 hit to lead Greenville, which took advantage of 15 walks to move on top 12-1, and held on late to claim the big 12-6 win.

Andalusia 13
LUVERNE 9

The Andalusia All-Stars rallied from a big early deficit to claim a wild 13-9 win over the Luverne All-Stars, in opening round action. Luverne came out ready to play and jumped out to an 8-3 third inning lead, only to see Andalusia rally in the top of the fourth to pull even at 8-8. The score was knotted at 9-9 heading into the final inning, and Andalusia completed the big comeback by scoring four runs to post the wild 13-9 win. Savannah Liles got 3 hits to lead Andalusia at the plate, while Breann Daniels added 2 hits and Brittney Pitts and Arnette Marshall both added 1 hit. Adrienne Grimes got 2 hits to lead Luverne, while Courtney Williams and Cami Gorey both added 1 hit.

ANDALUSIA 13
LUVERNE 9

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Dixie Youth All-Stars swing into action Friday night in Samson

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will swing into action this week when they travel to Samson to compete in the 2002 Dixie Youth District 6 Sub-District Baseball Tournament.

A total of six teams will compete in the double-elimination tournament, including Hartford, Geneva, Elba, Enterprise Nationals, Enterprise Americans

and Samson. The tournament will begin on Friday, July 5, with a triple-header on tap. Hartford will meet Geneva in the tournament opener at 4:00, to be followed at 6:00 with the clash between Elba and the Enterprise Nationals and at 8:00 with the Samson-Enterprise Americans battle. Double-headers will be held on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 6:00 and 8:00, with single games set for Wednesday and Thursday, at 7:00.

Most of these guys were only one win away from winning the sub-district title back when they were in Dixie Minors," said coach Keith Parker, "and if we play well we have a shot at winning this thing in Samson. The coaches did a great job of putting the best players in the league on one team, and we should be solid in all areas. If we play well it will take a good team to beat us."

Members of the Dixie Youth All-Stars include Bradley Wilson, Don Rhoades, Martin McCormick, Gavin Flowers, Jordan McBride, Logan Carney, Gage Nalley, Ethan Mount, Matt Brunson, Nathan Foster, Shane Adkinson, Corey Parker and Hayden Smith. Coaches are Stevie Walden, Keith Parker and Dwan Rhoades.



NEW BROCKTON 5-K WINNERS... The New Brockton Centennial 5-K was held on June 15, 2002, with a fast field taking part in the first annual event. Winners included (l-r) winner - Brad Adkins, of Jasper; second-place - Kellen Cole, of New Brockton; and third place - Randy Danford, of New Brockton.

Elba Dixie Belles open tourney with 20-5 win over Luverne

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars began tournament action last weekend in Troy at the Dixie Softball Sub-District 1 Belles - Fast Pitch Softball Tournament and overcame the weather and an overnight rain delay to post a 20-5 win over the Luverne All-Stars.

A lead-off single by Valerie Hutcherson sparked an early rally that gave Elba a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but Luverne showed that it too had come to play and played two runs in the bottom of the frame to cut the Elba advantage to 3-2.

A long lead-off double by Summer Stricklin ignited a 10-run second inning for the Elba All-Stars as Elba pulled out to a 13-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson came through with a two-run single and a two-run double in the big inning to knock in four runs, while Krystan Parker added a two-run triple. Jennifer Hilyer added an rbi double and Summer Stricklin came through late with her second hit of the

game. Luverne managed to cut the Elba lead to 13-4 in the bottom of the second and then limited the Elba All-Stars to only one run over the next two innings. However, Elba came back following an overnight rain delay and played six runs in the top of the fifth to grab a big 20-5 lead and ice the win. Melanie Mularz singled to open the fifth inning improving while Krystan Parker and added an rbi double.

Valerie Hutcherson got 3 hits, knocked in 4 runs and scored 2 runs to lead the Elba All-Stars at the plate, while Krystan Parker added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Summer Stricklin added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Melanie Mularz, Becky Simon, Haley Stinson and Jennifer Hilyer all added 1 hit. Stephanie Baxley pitched five innings to get the win on the rubber, and allowed five runs on three hits, while striking out six batters and walking only one.

Prep All-Stars named for All-Star Sports Week in Montgomery

The Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association will host its sixth annual "Alabama All-Star Sports Week" on July 15-20, in Montgomery, with activities to include all-star games in volleyball, boys and girls basketball, football, baseball and fast-pitch softball, as well as clinics and sessions for coaches, athletic directors, cheerleader coaches and officials.

The roster for the South team in softball was also announced, with no area players named to the all-star team. All players selected were upcoming seniors in high school.

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SPORTS

Boys and girls urged to sign up early

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County BOE approves personnel changes during "called" meeting

Mark Coale assumes position as principal at Kinston



Mark Coale began his new job as principal at Kinston on Tuesday, July 9. Coale will oversee grades K-12 at the Kinston School facility. His employment was approved by the Coffee County Board of Education during a "called" meeting Monday, July 8.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education filled the vacancy of principal at Kinston Monday evening, July 8, during a called meeting of the board.

With a 4-2 vote, Mark Coale was approved for employment as principal at Kinston High School. Coale will oversee grades K-12 at the school facility.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram, a motion was made with a second to employ Coale. Board members, Charles Walker, Danny Jernigan, Gene Barksdale and Annette Griswold voted in favor of the motion with board members Scotty Hunko and Jimmy Clark opposing. Board member Robin McKinnon was not present for the meeting.

"It is a great honor to be chosen as principal at Kinston," Coale said following the meeting. "Kinston has a tremendous tradition for excellence, and I am terribly excited about the opportunity given to me."

Coale comes to Kinston with 22 years experience in the education field. Most recently, he served as assistant principal at Highland Home of the Greenshaw County School System. Before that, he was employed with the Coffee County School System as a teacher and coach.

Coale originates from Escambia County and is a high school graduate of T.R. Miller High School. He graduated from Livingston University and completed his post graduate work at Troy State University.

"I can't wait to get started," he said. "I think a lot of the people in Kinston and look forward to working with them."

During Monday evening's meeting, the board approved six other personnel matters with each of those passing by a unanimous vote. Each matter involved certified personnel and the following matters were approved:

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Elba City Council fails to approve cost of living raise

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening without Mayor James Grimes, who was out of town attending an Electric Cities membership meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over an uneventful meeting in his absence.

Also absent was council member L. M. Burch. The council had no surprises, following the preannounced agenda from beginning to end.

Named to a term on the Elba Recreation Board was Mark Henderson.

The council approved high bids on two levee buy-out houses formerly belonging to the Heiland family, to be moved. The houses are located just outside the levee, on the North side of the Troy Highway. One sold for \$3,855.00 and the other for \$1,855. Donald Hussey & Sons was the successful bidder on both units.

The council failed to approve a cost of living increase for retired employees when there was no motion from any council member. Hammond asked three times if there was a motion to accept the recommendation and pass the resolution, but none

was forthcoming. The cost of living raise has been approved by the town, but must have local approval to be implemented. The cost of the increase to the city would have been \$154.39 per month.

A resolution was approved, agreeing to cooperate with the Department of Transportation in providing pedestrian safety improvements at various locations within the City of Elba.

Stanley Walker, from the Coffee County Extension Service, offered a resolution, which the council approved, support

ing the program, "Making Academics Count." This project is in cooperation with the State of Alabama, State Board of Education and the local public school systems. By participating in the program, the city agrees to ask potential employees for a transcript of their high school grades and/or high school diploma, sending a clear message to students stressing the importance of staying in school and making good grades.

Monthly bills totaling \$11,828.81 were approved for payment. Major bills included \$3,163.11 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$418.00 for police

amino and \$654.15 for chemicals and fertilizer.

Council members were given summary reports from both the police department and the animal control officer.

The police made 143 traffic arrests and issued 107 warnings. This is an increase from the previous month of 71 and 87.

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Jeraldeen Thomas was the first county resident to speak to the commission, and her request involved a house located on county property in Enterprise.

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Commissioner Bernest Brooks said all deeds have been signed except one on this particular road, and all must be signed before the project can proceed.

Kelley presented the commission with a petition signed by 22 landowners and residents and asked if there is something that can be done to help get that final deed signed.

At that point, Brooks turned to county engineer Randy Tindell for an update on what had been done so far with this road.

"Sounds like we are really close if all but one deed is signed," Tindell said. "We have surveyed this road several times."

He said the proposed route had been moved here and there in an effort to try and satisfy everyone on the road while still maintaining a safe route.

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head football coach at Zion Chapel High School.

In regards to Zion Chapel, Ingram provided an update on the ball field being constructed through funds provided by Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and the Coffee County Commission.

Ingram said the light poles have been put in the ground, and workers currently are marking spots and digging holes for the fence to be put up. Also, she said the person contracted for the irrigation work is ready to begin his process once the fencing is in place.

In other business, the board approved the bid for copy paper (domestic) to Strickland Paper of Montgomery. The company provided the low bid at \$19.70 per case.

Rejected all bids for the cleaning of carpet and tile at the schools. Based on the bids received, Ingram said she felt this project could be done a different way with better results.

Youngsters learn to swim at Elba City Pool



Many local youngsters recently took advantage of an opportunity to learn to swim as the Elba Recreation Department offered swimming lessons at the city pool. The lessons were taught by the lifeguards at the city pool, and as the photo shows, there was a huge interest as several youngsters attended the week long classes. Throughout the week, the students were taught the basics of swimming. Above, they were able to take turns jumping off the diving board as the course instructors assisted them. The swimming lessons are offered each summer by the recreation department.

Jim Folsom home ready to be moved

County Commission donates land to City of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Thomas said she would abide by any guidelines set by the commission, as well as have insurance coverage just in case something were to happen to that property.

Also, in the event of the commission deciding to do something else with the property, Thomas said she would vacate the house at that time.

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lies currently living on the road. "I know we're having trouble getting the deeds signed," he said. "We're asking for your help."

Kelley explained to commissioners a need to have the road paved because of dangerous travel conditions. He said cars can not pass one another on the road because it is so narrow.

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